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RULE 53(f) NO DECLARATION

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October 5, 2001

Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (Design Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE OPTIMUM CONFIGURATION
STRATEGY FOR SYSTEMS WITH MULTIPLE DECISION OPTIONS

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. Abstract 1 page(s).4. 209 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. Specification in non-English language6. 330 Numbered claim(s); and7. Drawings: 42 sheet(s) 1 set informal; 8. formal of size: A4 11"9. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 60/238,124	October 6, 2000	(2)	
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10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in _____

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11. (No.) Certified copy (copies): attached; previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on _____12. This is a reissue of Patent No. _____13. See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and
do not complete item 14 or 15.)14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated
into this application by this reference:No. / filed _____No. / filed _____No. / filed _____No. PCT/ / filed _____, whichdesignated the U.S. and that International Application was was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English15. See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above
listed US applications16. Extension to date: concurrently filed not needed previously filed17. Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)17(a) Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not
essential to make claim)17(b) See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

18. Assignee (optional)

19. Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) **(Double check instructions for accuracy.)**:
(Listing of inventor(s) not a requirement, but list if known)

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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" box and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)



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This is a:

- Provisional Application
- Regular Utility Application
- Continuing Application
 - The contents of the parent are incorporated by reference
- PCT National Phase Application
- Design Application
- Reissue Application
- Plant Application
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SPECIFICATION